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SUBJ: TRAINING OF MALAWI SECURITY PERSONNEL IN TAIPEI

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1. ROC AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME IN STRICT CONFIDENCE JULY 9 THAT FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF BRITISH COMMANDER OF HIS BODY-GUARD MARCH 28, PRESIDENT BANDA ASKED HIM IF ROC WOULD TRAIN 15 MEN FOR BODYGUARD. ROC AGREED TO DO SO AND MEN LEFT FOR TAIWAN FEW DAYS AGO.

2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR ROC HAS NOW TRAINED TWO GROUPS FROM MALAWI YOUNG PIONEERS (MYP) OF 20 MEN EACH FOR MALAWI "NAVY." IT HAS TRAINED ONE 20-MAN MYP GROUP IN ANTI-GUERILLA ACTIVITIES AND SECOND SUCH GROUP NOW UNDERGOING TRAINING. LATTER DUE RETURN MALAWI IN SEPTEMBER. PRESIDENT BANDA ASKED FOR THIS TRAINING BECAUSE OF FEAR OF INFILTRATION FROM TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID TRAINEES SENT TO TAIWAN UNDER GUISE OF SECRET

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AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION. NO CHINESE STATIONED IN MALAWI

IN SECURITY FIELD BECAUSE WOULD BE TOO CONSPICUOUS. SUGGESTION
THAT THEY BE ASSIGNED TO AGRICULTURAL MISSION REJECTED ON
GROUNDS IT WOULD "DILUTE THE PURITY" OF AGRICULTURAL TEAM.
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